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the covering of their feet and legs. The women have an under- 291
garment which they commonly wear at home in the houſe, con-
ſiſting of breeches and waiſtcoat ſewed together. The breeches
are wide, like thoſe of the *Dutch* ſkippers, and tie below the knee;
the waiſtcoat is wide above, and drawn round with a ſtring.
The ſummer habits are made of dreſſed ſkins without hair; their
winter garment is made of deer or ſtone-ram ſkins with the
hair on. The undreſs or houſhold habit of the men is a girdle
of leather, with a bag before, and likewiſe a leathern apron to
cover them behind: theſe girdles are ſewed with hair of different
colours. The *Kamtſchadales* uſed formerly to go a hunting and 291
fiſhing during the ſummer in this dreſs; but now this faſhion is 177
changed, and below their girdles they wear linen ſhirts, which
they buy from the *Ruſſians*.

The covering of their feet and legs is made of ſkins of different 291
ſorts; in the ſummer time during the rains, they wear the ſkins
of ſeals with the hair outwards; but their moſt common covering
is the ſkin of the legs of the rein-deer, and ſometimes of
the legs of other beaſts, the ſhaggieſt they can find, to preſerve
them againſt the cold. But the fineſt buſkins, which both the 292
Coſſacks and *Kamtſchadales* uſe in their greateſt dreſs, are made 584
in the following manner: the ſole is of white ſeal-ſkin, the upper
part of fine dyed leather, the hind quarters of white dog-skin;
what comes round the legs is of dreſſed leather or dyed ſeal-
skins: the upper parts are embroidered. Theſe buskins are ſo
extraordinary, that if a batchelor is obſerved to wear them he is
immediately concluded to be upon a ſcheme of courtſhip.

They wear the ſame ſort of caps as the people of *Jakutſki*. 291
In the ſummer they have a ſort of hats of birch bark tied about 171
their head: the *Kuriles* uſe in the ſummer time caps made of
platted graſs. The women's head-dreſs is the perukes that we 302
formerly mentioned; and theſe were ſo dear to them, that when 177
they

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574 This the Coſſack would not grant 'till he had obtained a promiſe
576 of the fine fox-ſkin. It ſhould ſeem, that this entertainment
431 could not be agreeable to the *Kamtſchadale*: however, he ſeemed to be pleaſed with it, and to ſwear that he never thought it poſſible to make ſuch a heat, or that the Coſſacks could entertain their friends with ſo much reſpect; and declared, that though he looked upon his fox-ſkin as an ineſtimable rarity, yet he parted from it with pleaſure on that occaſion, and ſhould always remember the noble entertainment of his friend.

CHAP. XVI.

584 ### *Of their* COURTSHIP, MARRIAGES, *&c.*

WHEN a *Kamtſchadale* reſolves to marry, he looks about for a bride in ſome of the neighbouring villages, ſeldom in his own; and when he finds one to his mind, he diſcovers his inclination to the parents, deſiring that he may have the liberty of ſerving them for ſome time: this permiſſion he eaſily obtains, and, during his ſervice, he ſhews an uncommon zeal in order to ſatisfy them of what he can do. After having thus ſerved, he deſires liberty to ſeize his bride; and if he has happened to pleaſe the parents, his bride, and her relations, this is preſently granted; but, if they diſapprove of it, they give him ſome ſmall reward for his ſervices, and he departs. It ſometimes happens that theſe bridegrooms, without diſcovering any thing of their intention, engage themſelves in ſervice in ſome ſtrange village; and though every one ſuſpects their deſign, yet no notice is taken of it, 'till either he or his friend declares it.

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